



**Connecticut Department of Public Health**

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**House Bill 5530 - An Act Concerning The Department of Public Health's Recommendations  
Regarding Bulk Water Haulers**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) supports House Bill 5530 and would like to thank the Public Health Committee for raising the Department's bill. DPH is proposing this bill to ensure the safety of water hauled to public water systems, and, consequently, protect the health of the customers of public water systems.

Bulk hauling of water to public water systems is a temporary measure to ensure an adequate supply of potable water is maintained during an interruption of water service. The DPH will develop an application process and will review and approve water haulers to assure the safety and sanitary conditions of water quality used in these temporary practices.

The Department respectfully requests the following modifications to the language in the raised bill:

Given that the focus of the bill is the safety of individuals consuming water that has been hauled to a public water system by a bulk water hauler, the Department requests replacing the word "from" with the word "to" in line 5. The Department is not seeking to regulate individuals who haul water "from a public water system" if the intention is not for the water to ultimately be consumed.

The Department would also like to add a provision requiring notification to the public water system in which the hauled water will be discharged. This will ensure the water is properly treated upon discharge. DPH suggests adding the following language to line 29: "No bulk water hauler shall deliver water to a customer of a public water company without first notifying the public water company of such delivery."

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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